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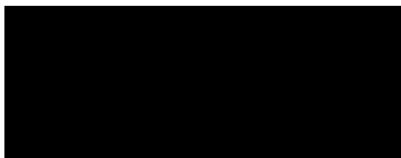
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DATE: **DEC 18 2012** Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER FILE: [REDACTED]

IN RE: Petitioner: [REDACTED]
Beneficiary: [REDACTED]

PETITION: Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker as a Member of the Professions Holding an Advanced Degree or an Alien of Exceptional Ability Pursuant to Section 203(b)(2)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(2)(A)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. Please note that all documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please also note that any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Rosenberg".
Ron Rosenberg
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Director, Texas Service Center, denied the employment-based immigrant visa petition, which is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The AAO will withdraw the director's decision and remand the matter for further action and consideration.

The petitioner seeks classification as an "alien of exceptional ability," pursuant to section 203(b)(2)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(2)(A). The director determined that "th[e] petition seeking classification as an alien who is a member of the professions holding an advanced degree cannot be approved."

A review of the record confirms that the petitioner filed the instant petition on behalf of the beneficiary as an alien of exceptional ability, not as an alien who is a member of the professions holding an advanced degree. As the director failed to consider the evidence submitted under the correct classification, this matter will be remanded for a full adjudication of the petition on the merits.

As always in these proceedings, the burden of proof rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361.

ORDER: The director's decision is withdrawn and the matter is remanded to the director for issuance of a new decision on the merits, which, if adverse to the petitioner, is to be certified to the AAO for review.